

Introducing Tomohiro Kawase, JICA's new UNDP Secondee



Since April 2007, I have been working for JICA and my primary goal has been to represent Japan well to other countries. Confidence in Japan has always been expressed to me in business or private communications with government officials and people in recipient countries. I am honored to have been part of such a trusting relationship between Japan and other countries by contributing to positive change through Japan's ODA project formulation and implementation.

This is my first time serving as an international civil servant under the UN charter. I am acting as a "Partnership Specialist" in Japan Unit of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, which is the UNDP's designated communication and advocacy window for the government of Japan. Even though both the UNDP and JICA play a similar function as development agencies, they also have different institutional assets and ethics. During this secondment, I would like to better understand those differences and the strengths of both organizations. By doing so, I hope to contribute to creating a more effective partnership between the UNDP and JICA. In addition, I promise to serve not only the UNDP and Japan/JICA, but to prioritize the recipient governments and their people by maximizing the effects of Japan-funded interventions in the field.



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Furthermore, 2022 is a notable year with respect to publication of [the special report on Human Security](#). Human security, with its focus on "people", has formed the backbone of my career. As a member of the UNDP staff, I would also like to promote the concept of Human Security and operationalize it on the ground. Thank you very much for your attention.